NEW YORK, SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1878.

## MR. LORD AND HIS BRIDE. QUIETLY PASSING THE HONEYMOON IN HER HOME IN THIS CITY.

me of the Scenes About the Fourteenth Street Residence—The Lord Family's Ver-sion of the Octogenarian's Frenks—Rumors of his Settling \$20,000 a Year on the Wife.

There is little doubt that Mr. Thomas ford and Mrs. Thomas Lord, nee Hicks, are passing their honeymoon at the bride's rest-dence in this city. For several days there have Fourteenth street—that point irresistibly to such a conclusion. While the front of the building has been carefully closed to the public, the ear has been alive with bustle and confusion. The large back room on the third floor, formeroccupied by Maria, Mrs. Hicks waiting maid. has been converted into a gentleman's bedchamber. A large stove has been set up in the room, paintings have been hung on the walls, and other preparations made for its occupancy nant. Within the past three weeks the entire house has been painted, decorated, and refitted to such an extent as to start the rumor that Mrs. Picks was about to be married. The marriage was at noon on Monday. On the afternoon of that day there was an unusual bustle in the house, and a gentleman and lady lined alone in the back parlor on the ground floor. Since that time the rear rooms, which fore had been dark, have been lighted at night, and have given every indication of being Inhabited. Last night the large back room on

he third floor was lighted and occupied. Mrs. Hicks's boudoir on the floor below occupies the entire width of the house with the exception of the hall. The blinds had always been open, and the curtains drawn, while for the last low days both blinds and curtains have been lown. A gentleman who has been conspicuous n New York society for upward of forty years said last night: "There is not the slightest ord locked up safe and sound in her house All attempts to trace them beyond there have attempts to trace them beyond there have so, and it is morally impossible they could be out of the city not be heard from. Independing of the fact that Mrs. Hicks is well known as any woman in the country, extraordinary appearance of her husband of fisself attract attention. Mr. Lord went y unaccompanied by any of his servants, ouch he is so old and feeble that it requires of them to lift him into a railway car. Mrs. is is too much of a diplomat to expose hertorewark by dragging an aged and infirm band about the country when she can just as remain in the city with him. She would go to her friends in Philadelphia under a circumstances, and if she did it would be been known long ago.

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Mr. George De Forest Lord said yesterday to Sus reporter: "There is one thing about bird I would like to have the public set right, has been said that the family had not contempated applying for a commission in lunary nail they heard of this marriage. That false, It is true that they did of have in view any immediate steps this kind, because they did not deem it seesary, and desired to avoid scandal. The cessity for some restraining measures, hower, had long been plain, and it was only a sestion of time when they were to be taken, it. Lord has been palpably imbecile and unable lattend to his business for some time, but the mis imagined that by keeping a watch on him rding him from evil influences they doing all that was necessary." rue that they knew of his intention to forehand, and tried to dissuade him

knew that he was making a fool of by his constant visits to this woman, had no notion that he intended mar-

Have there been any offers of compromise the part of Mrs. Hicks?"
None that we know. None would be conwithstanding Mr. Lord's assertion, it was entily asserted in up-town effeles last ng that a settlement of \$20,000 a year had offered to Mrs. Hicks on condition that would give up her claims upon the in regard to her legal position there is to be only one opinion among rs. Whether her husband is adjudged imbecile or not, she is his lawfully ed wife, and as such is entitled to her is in the estate. A gentleman of extendiculated as the such is entitled to her is in the estate. A gentleman of extendiculated as foot to take less than her legal The fact that her husband may judged of weak mind, or unfit to it his business, does not deprive her share and his property. That plea est in the case of one of the Astors, who did a farmer's daughter near Pought. The family endeavored to have these aside on the ground that Mr. Astor to unsound mind, and, although they therward strong proof, they failed."

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If to current report, Mrs. Hicks was nagged to Lord Lennox. The match, was broken off because his lordship to give up a left-handed connection ther lady, who had not, like Mrs. en presented to the Queen.

The bits of gossip which are floating one to the effect that the late widow had her eye on the Hon. George United States Minister to Berlin. It at she frequently solicited the ploasir. Bancroft's company in horseback Central Park, offers which the wary courteously declined.

Houghton's recent visit to America, as entertained him in grand style at a lin West Fourteenth st. The menu at a dinner parties given in his honor ted on alegant sheets of white satin, at

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and, says that old Samuel Hicks, who the street shipping merchant, died in ving three children, John, Henry, and he latter married and died abroad, and The latter married and died abroad, and as continued the business in South In 1850 Henry Hicks met Miss Wilkins, years of age, and just returned from the Where her father had been United Minister. They were married in 1852, 1853 the firm of Hicks & Co. failed, their assets was some wild land in Ohio, the creditors lett to them, deeming it is, On this wild land was founded the foledo, and the Hicks brothers received \$600,000. After the death of Henry, is years ago, his widow became postor \$300,000, and with it she has since d extensively, spending most of her broad, and gratifying her liking for yand display.

oad, and gratifying her liking for and display, and the majority of the old man's friends him sharp and shrewd, and without test trace of insanity. He views the dirs, Lord as a woman of such unbility that between them they will foil a of the children to prove Mr. Lord's at the time of marriage. The rumors flying about yesterday, the rumors flying about yesterday, the children to the children to have a constructed in A. Dix attended the Lord-Hicks Mr. Bergh, who did not attend the says:

says; say that Lord is mad. I think Mrs.

is the one who must be out of her head; by an attractive, pretty and saind woman, in income of \$55,000 a year, should lurden if with the care of an old man of eightys more than I can understand. By the lid you hear the final instructions the nat gave the happy couple after he had sel them? No! Then I will tell it you one of our directors told it to me half an 400 He said that after the ceremony and essing, the Cardinal enjoined it upon to be sure and bring up their first bern in thole faith." reported called on Gen. Dix vesterday

was published in the papers, nor had be any intimatical at it was to take place.

"I sethat all, General?" asked the reporter.

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Judge Yan Brunt having granted the writ denatico inquirendo, appointed as the commisopers ex-Judge Enoch L, Fancher, Dr. Geo., Peters, and James D. Fish, President of the arine Bank, who were informed of their apsintment yesterday. The law ordering the minission requires that:

In writ shall be granted to a counsellor at law, a physian, and a gentleman, all of the county, to inquire, by ury of the said county and of the neishborhood where e and Lord resides, as to the lunacy of the said Lord, it is further ordered that the said commission be exited at some convenient place near to the residence the said Lord, and the person or persons having the care him in this case Mrs. Hicks would probably have to morned, and it is urther ordered that upon the exception of the said commission, the person or persons having the care for the said commission, the person or persons having the care to the said commissioners and a jury, to be inspected examined by them, whenever required to do so by heomissioners.

The order of Judge Van Brunt names Enoch L. Fancher to represent the law, Dr. George A. Peters as the physician, and James D. Fish as the gentleman. The powers of the commission are clearly defined in the writ, which requires them to inquire.

and lawful men of his balawick as the commission shall direct by whom the truth of the matters aforesaid may be the better inquired into.

The first step will be to give due notice to Mr. Lord, and since he is not at present likely to be found, the legal notice will be by publication, the legal effect of which will be to enjoin Mr. Lord in the strongest manner from transferring or disposing of his property in any way, directly or indirectly, and from even handling his accounts, books, or securities. The Sheriff will be required to call a jury, and it is usual for him in such cases to call the Sheriff's jury, which may be any number not less than twelve, nor more than twenty-four. The vertilet in this case will be different from ordinary verdicts, as the jury is not required to be unanimous. If there are twenty-four jurors, not less than a majority must agree. If there are less than a majority must agree, if there are less than twenty-four jurors, not less than twelve must agree, and their decision will be the verdict. The time and place of holding the meeting will be determined by the commission, and has not, of course, been agreed upon. As the case has attained so much publicity, it is probable that a large room will be secured, possibly one of the court rooms, if one can be found vacant. Both Mr. Lord and the petitioners for the writ will be entitled to appear by counsel, and if Mr. Lord should avail the misself of his right, there will be a prolonged and exciting contest.

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Should Mr. Lord not appear, the proceeding will be very simple, partaking of the nature of an ex-parte examination of the petitioners, and, in all probability, a summary seizing of whatever property can be found. Judge Fancher is willing to serve; but Dr. Peters said, last evening, that he was not willing to give a decision on the spur of the moment. He had just received his notice of appointment, knew nothing of the case, and, in view of its importance, he thought he would take a little time for reflection.

re is strong reason to suppose that it receipt of letters from England, and thing back answers.

It is mania ever take a violent form, such destruction, or anything of that kind?

His chief failing was general imbeelity ental weakness. It was a painful thing to bruited to the public, and the sons ity wished to keep it a secret as much as ity wished to keep it as ity wished to keep it as secret as ity wished to keep it as wish had been placed on Judge Brady's calendar and had stood over until yesterday. When one of the motions was called, Mr. Macfarland called attention to the fact that some of the motions appeared on the day calendar of the previous day as having been heard. They had not been heard, he said, and he protested against the cases being marked "heard." When ex-Judge Green said that the McHenry petition was one of the matters that had been postponed to be

of the matters that had been postponed to be heard with the motion before the Court, Mr. Macfarland denied it. "So far as the other petitions are concerned." Judge Green continued." one of them was before your Honor yesterday morning."

If the gentlemen see fit to mark them heard "—Mr. Macfarland began, but Judge Green retorted, with warmth of manner. "You probably marked them heard yourself."

By this time most of the lawyers in the case were on their feet.

"You have not the slightest foundation for the statement that we marked them as heard."

Mr. Vanderpoel said, deflantly.

"Very well." Mr. Macfarland said in a tone more subdued, "I withdraw it then."

Judge Brady, who had been awaiting an opportunit to explain, then said: "I found one of them marked 'heard, and it appears to be marked in the handwriting of Judge Daniels, but it is a mistake. It was written by the Judge and then stricken out."

Mr. Elihu Root then said that he did not wish any misunderstanding regarding the Zagozil matter; that was postpohed to be heard at the same time with the other motion, and Mr. Macfarland said that he was no party to that.

"You said so yesterday morning." Mr. Root retorted hely.

hotly, papers, ex-Judge Comstock interrupt-re thrust in yesterday morning, against test, while this matter was under argu-

"We don't understand." Mr. Macfarland began with slow, emphatic utterance, "the practice of the attorneys on one side, selecting, under any circumstances, a particular judicial hopper."

The lawyers looked at each other uneasily, and Judge Brady turned his face toward the speaker with a look of amazed inquiry. Mr. Macfarland, after a slight peuse, added: "I say that with the greatest respect."

Gen. Sickles, who had been nervously moving about upon his crutches, said vehemently: "That is a practice begun on the other side and not adopted by us, and I repel the insinuation contained in the gentleman's remarks."

Ex-Judge Green, looking deflantly at Mr. Macfarland, said: "I don't understand what the gentleman means by that."

"I don't understand what you mean by that, Mr. Macfarland, "Judge Brady said, with severity of outphasis, darting flashing eyes toward the offending lawyer, who had resumed his seat.

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the offending lawyer, who had resumed his seat.

"I simply mean," Mr. Macfarland replied, as he arose in his stateliest menner, "I don't understand the practice to be that counsel on one side, without regard to the due and orderly course of procedure, may put a particular case in one particular locality, and I use that expression without intending anything offensive by it, and I don't suppose that anybody could fancy that I did."

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fancy that I did."

"I submit to you in all fairness." Judge Brady said—apparently deeply moved by the remark of counsel—"that your observation—I submit it to you that such a charge in my presence is entirely improper and uncalled for."

"Then, sir." Mr. Macfarland quickly responded, with impressiveness. "you will be good enough to consider that I make as profound an applicage as the English language will convey."

"I shall accept the apology." Judge Brady said, at the same time swinging around in his chair away from the speaker. chair away from the speaker.

Mrs. Moore's Buttle with Two Thieves.

At about 11 o'clock on Thursday night, two men entered the apartments of Elizabeth Moore, at 20415; Furman street, Brooklyn, and stole two gold rings set

MONTREAL, Jan. 3 .- An American arrived in

House, registering as "J. M. Scott, New York." He frequently staved away from the holel over night. He was apparently not over 30 years of as: On New Year's Day be was found dead in bed, with a builter wound in the

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FLEEING FROM AN ASYLUM

WHY GEO. RULAND IS HIDING FROM A KEEPER OF THE INSANE.

Physicians Certifying that there is no Reason why he should be Confined-His Strange Stories-What is Said by his Neighbors. George Ruland escaped from the department for the insane in the Suffolk county almshouse, at Yaphank, L. I., about the middle of November, and Keeper John Louden has heard nothing from him since. He is hiding in the house of a friend in that county, while legal proceedings to protect him from recapture are in progress. A week ago last Monday, Dr. Woodward, who was formerly Coroner, and Dr. Lindsay, both of Huntington, examined Ruland in a room in the Court House at Huntington, to test the question of his sanity. Each is of opinion that there is no reason why he should be confined in an asylum. The certificates of these gentlemen are to be taken before Judge Hedges, and if he signs them it will restore Ruland's right to liberty.

Before he broke out of the Yaphank asylum

he was confined in a room, the one window of which was covered with a strong coarse wire screen. He had broken out of the asylum five times previously. Keeper Louden declares that he was the most troublesome patient to keep that he ever had. Handcuffs were put on him to keep him secure for the night. His left hand, however, is a little smaller than his right, and by putting soap and water on it he managed to pull the handcuff over it. He tied the empty cuff up under his right sleeve. Then he twisted a bar off of his fron bedstead and pried off a part of the wire screen from the window. He used a sheet to aid him in getting out. This was found hanging in the

swer.

"No: for then I'd be robbing you of your trade." This answer was given without the trace of a smile, and with the compressed lips and twinkling eyes held close up to the face of his friend.

another word."

Then Mr. Ruland produced the handcuff that had remained on his right hand during his flight from the Yaphank almshouse. It had been separated from its mate, and had been flied so as to be taken from his wrist.

"Did you take the left landcuff from your hand?" he was asked.

"I've stripped off bushels of them."

"What did you do after you got out?"

"I left a white sheet hanging from the window in token of my respect. Now, I won't tell you as word more. Don't you ask me any questions and I won't tell you any lies."

The friend with whom Mr. Ruland is stopping says he is evidently wild in some of his ideas, but that he has seen nothing in him during his long stay in his house which would indeate a necessity for locking him up. Just before the reporter took his leavy Mr. Ruland said that he was a privileged man.

"If you should kill me," he said, "you would be hanged; but if I should take a knife and drive it into your heart, they couldn't hang me, because they have declared me insane. Now, I'll give you a little insight into my case. I won't mention any names. We'll suppose a case. There's a vessel outside the harbor, and you are her commander. Business is dull, and you raise the black flag and arm yourself to the teeth. There's another vessel in sight, and you make toward her. Then a big steamer appears in the offing. You board the other vessel. You cut and slay." [Mr Ruland caught up the stove handle, and made motions as if cutting and slaying.] "The blood flows from the lee scuppers. Then up comes the big steamer and catches you at it. Now, ought you not to be hanged? You can see the point now, can't you?"

The reporter replied that he thought he understood the case pretty well.

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Yesterday a visit was made to the home of Mr. John Roeves, the son-in-law. He keeps a shoeshop in Brookhaven, several miles from Patchogue. It is in asmall one and a half story building. He lives with his family in the back part, and one side of the shop is used to carry on a very limited grocery business. Directly across the road is a larger two story house, which is said to have been built over thirty-five years ago, and never to have had a coat of paint. The weather-boards are black with age. This is the present home of Ruland's wife, and the house from which he was taken to the Pough-Keepsle asyium. None of the land about either of the two houses is fenced or cultivated. Over the front door of Ruland's house is a weather-beaten sign bearing the words—

"Gar len seeds for saile."

Mr. Reaves says that there is no truth in the story that he but a mortgage on land across the

THE TURKS RETREATING.

WITHDRAWING THEIR TROOPS FROM SOFIA AND OTHER POINTS. trating at Ikhtiman for the Protection of Adrianople-The Deep Snows Prevent-ing any Movement of the Russian Army.

road, or on any land belonging to Ruland. Nor was there ever any dispute or litigation about land between him and Ruland until about five years are. Then Mr. Reeves says the Road Commissioners of the town cut a road between their property. After that Ruland, out of whole cloth, conceived the story of the morigage and has harped upon it at intervals ever since. He used to make threats that he would burn his (Reeves's) house. This was borne with for several years. Finally, Ruland got into the habit of going about with a gun, with which he would threaten to shoot every person with whom he got into a dispute. Reeves was afraid of being shot, and so took steps to have him declared a lunarie. In one of his paroxysms of anger, Ruland horsewhipped his youngest son so that the lad was compelled to leave home. He swore out a warrant against his father who was arrested and taken to the Riverhead jail.

Other residents of Brookhaven say that Ruland was undoubtedly insane at the time of his incarceration. His threats were so violent when he was angry, one man says, that he dreaded to have him come into the store where he was employed. Another man told the reporter that he had been afraid of his life once while riding with Ruland in the stage.

Mr. Reeves says that since Rutland escaped from Yaphank, he has got up nearly every night to examine his house for fear Rutland had returned and had set it on fire. The neighbors speak well of Mr. Reeves's character. His former wife was Mr. Ruland's daughter, but the trouble between him and Ruland does not appear to have arisen trom this relationship. One of Ruland's sons is a Methodist minister in Now Hampshire.

The reporter tried to see Mrs. Ruland. She was said by neighbors to be in the house, but no knocking at any of the doors could arouse her. She lives alone, and, it is said, never admits any person whom she does not personally know into the house. Dec. 28 by Lady Strangford, who is superintending the hospitals at Sofia, it would appear that the Turks had at that time determined not to attempt to hold the place. Lady Strangford writes that she will remain, and, she believes, be able to continue her duties without interruption or annoyance. The Turkish nurses have agreed to stay. What was feared was disorder in the town, but the Turks have gone away quietly, and there is not the slightest panic, noise or trouble. The town will be taken without resistance. This coincides with infor-mation from the Turkish side about movements of their forces. All the garrisons in exposed positions beyond Sofia have been gradually withdrawn and concentrated at Ikhtiman. The force at Kuamarli seems to have been surprised and endangered by the Russian flank move-

THE STORM ON THE COAST.

A Steamer and Three Schooners in Peril-One

CHATHAM, Mass., Jan. 4.—The vessel at anchor off the bar, with masts cut away, is the schooner Granite State. Capt. Crocker of Barnstable, from New York for Boston. A boat from Station 12 and other boats have boarded her this morning, and have taken off the crew. The vessel leaks some, and lost all her sails in a squall on Wednesday morning. She drifted near the bar, but anchored, and cut away her masts in time to prevent going ashore. The wind is east; should it increase to a gale the vessel will probably founder or come ashore. Boston, Jan. 4.—The schooner Mary Ann of Machias, from New York for Boston, with coal, slipped her anchor at Chatham, on the 3d inst., and went ashore at Nantucket. She is leaking slightly, but will be got off. Her Captain reports that he saw several sunken vessels during the gale.

The British steamer A. Strong, Capt. Brown.

from Boston for New York, still remains ashore on Nashawena Island. The Captain went to Wood's Hole to get a steam pump, without the aid of which it was found impossible to get her affoat, as she was leaking badly; but no pump could be obtained at Vineyard Sound. The steamer Monahansett has gone to her aid, and steamer Monahansett has gone to her aid, and as soon as the steam pump is on board an attempt will be made to get her off.

The schooner Frederick Fish of Boston, Capt. Davis, ceal laden, sank on Handkerchief Shoal during a gale on the night of the 21 inst. The Captain, his wife and child, and the crew escaped from the wreck in a boat, and landed at Great Point, Nantucket, on the 3d inst. The mate, a brother of the Captain, died from exposure while in the boat after leaving the wreck. The schooner was 239 tons register, built at Waldoboro, Me., in 1866, and was owned by Joseph Fish.

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Denning winning. The decision created great excitement among the police officers, and there was no more sparring.

In the seventy-five yards handleap run. A. B. Wilsonwon the first heat in % seconds. B. Henshaw the second in 8.0. B. Knapp the third in 8%, W. J. Gascoigne the fourth in 8%, C. Wilmer the fifth in 8%, Y. C. P. Clark the sixth in 8%, W. C. France, Jr., the seventh heat in 8, and W. R. Brown the eighth heat in 8. The final heat is to be decided this evening.

The feature of the evening's sport was the amateur tug. of-war. The first struggle was between the Hariem Athletic Club and the Hudson County Caledonian Club of Greenville, N. J., the Hariem Club winning in three seconds. The next trial was between the Turn Verein Vorwearts of Elizabeth, N. J., and the Dauntless Boat Club of this city, the farmer winning in forty seconds. Then came the pull between the Police Athletic Club. The police officers had the best of it, but released the rope before the pull was decided. They singles are done out again, but they declined, and the judges graved to pull again, but they declined, and the Linux the most desperate struggle the evening, the Germans winning in 54%; The next pull was won by the Scottish American Club, decienting the Hariem Athletic Club and the Turn Verein Vor Germans winning in 54%; The next pull was won by the Scottish American Club, decienting the Hariem Athletic Club in 4.29. The Scottish Americans won the final pull from the Turn Verein Vor wearts in 142.

cans won the final put from the Turn verein volvearfor in 142. The one mile handicap run was won by Richard Moram by three inchestrom W. J. Wilkinson in 4.4%. In the handicap hurdle race, over ten hurdles, three feet high, the first heat was won by J. Lafon in 52%, the second by J. McMahon in 20%, and J. D. Freeman the final heat and race in 31 seconds. The one mile walk was won by the little favorite, L. H. Armstrong, in 7.05%. In the 440 yards run F. B. Hough won the first heat in 59 seconds. T. K. Hasting the second in 57%, and A. L. Burton the third in 50%. The run is to be decided this evening.

Mr. A. H. Curtis, the Secretary, says that, owing to the rough boxing in the sparring contests, there will be no more sparring in the winter meetings.

LONDON, Jan. 5 .- Rumors have been lately

current that the Government has pardoned all Feman prisoners. These rumors, however, appear to be exag-Deputy Coroner McWhinnie made a post-norten examination yesterday of the body of Philip and Private O'Brien, who were sentenced to life lon and Private OBien, who were sentenced to litelony penal servitude in 1866, have been released on tick et of leave. Corporal Chambers, undergoing a similar sentence, will be released next week the prison governors, however, have received no intimation concerning the release of O'Mears, Condon, and Melidy, undergoing sentences for completity if the Manchester murder, nor of the probable release of the other prisoners detained for complicity in alleged Fenian outrages, but who were not convicted of treason felony, or any military offence. Schlopp of 125 Division street, who died in the New Yor

Maltby's aplendid Norfolk oysters. Cost less than most 41 Harrison st, and 76 Cordanit st, near

THE POPE'S DECLINING HEALTH. A Proposition to Hold the Conclave at Mait in the Event of his Beath.

Rome, Jan. 4 .- Cardinal Manning has submitted to the College of Cardinals a proposal that, on the death of Pope Pius IX., the Conclave emble at Malta. The sacred college is divided in opinion on the matter. The Italian LONDON, Jan. 4 .- From letters written on Cardinals are indisposed to approve the proposal. The Pope's health is visibly declining.

THE LATEST FAILURES.

Two Merchants, a Manufacturer, and a Banker Suspending Payment. CHICAGO, Jan. 4 .- The failure of Samuel

Bliss & Co., wholesale grocers, of Wabash avenue, is announced. Their liabilities are variously estimated at \$125,000 and \$200,000.

Joseph Bonfield, Corporation Counsel, filed his voluntary petition in bankruptcy to-day. His liabilities are scheduled as follows: Secured debts, \$183,000, with securities valued at \$327,-000; unsecured debts, \$220,000; paper, \$1,000. The assets are an interest in land in Jersey City, &c., the value of which is unknown, and in

CHANGING ITS DENOMINATION.

A Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn Taking the Congregational Form.

The Grace Presbyterian Church at Lewis seenue and Monroe street, Brooklyn, which for some time has been the scene of much internal trouble, has voted to sever its connection with the Brooklyn Presby tery, and to adopt the Congregational form of govern ment. Its first trouble was caused by the opposition of the trustees to the wealthy but saed minister who preached there free of charge, and who was favored by the congregation. This was settled by the presented the minister. The Rev. James L. Hall, a Methydist pinn ister, who was unwilling to \$555bt the Arthyday pur bis Bishop was in a called a promise in an by his Bishop, was in a called to the pulpit, but the President and to admit him until the sentence of disobeline on his clerical office imposed because of his disobeline can bishop was removed. The church members because displeased at this and voted to join the Congregational denomination. A council is to be called to receive and install the new pastor.

Alleged Cruelty to an Adopted Child.

SALEM, N. J., Jan. 4 .- John Griffin and his vife, colored, residing at a place called Frogtown, in Sa em county, were lodged in the county jail in this city ast night, on complaint of their neighbors, for brutal beating and maltreating an adopted girl 5 years of age. They punished the girl, it is alleged, by sending her into the streets on cold and stormy mights to sleep. In consequence, it is averted, the child's limbs and feet are seriously frozen. They also, it is alleged, beat her with a knotted club. Griffin avers that it was all his wife's doings, and that he is innocent.

Di Cavanenghi, the prestidigitateur, entertained a small assemblage in Taminany Hall last evening the metapositie of Spiritualism. He performed severatricks by way of illustration, and then said that all the mind readers and spirit jugglers practise their deception through the aid of confederates whom they employ to sit among their audiences.

Conchman Colton's Last Spree.

Hugh Colton, driver of a coach for John

and on the reture, in his semi-intoxicated condition, he

and on the reture, in his semi-intoxicated condition, he turned his horses so suddenly on the Penny bridge that the left fore wheel of the coach ran off and he was thrown from his seat, tailing on his had. The coach was smashed, and the trightened horses and the trightened horses and the coach was smashed, and the trightened horses and was driving a flour-laden truck across the bridge, with the assistance of some bystanders, put colton, who was unconscious, upon the truck, and covered him with blankets. Then the lad tied the horses to the back pins of the truck, and drove to the Chambers Street Hospital. There it was ascertained that Colton's skull was fractured. Colton died yesterday. He was 50 years of age.

The Newark Common Council for 1877 held its final meeting last evening. Alderman Fielder referre to the personal attack of Alderman Miller upon Presiden

Stainsby at the last meeting, in which he accused President Stainsby of being indicted for conspiracy to defrant the taxpayers of Newark. Some butter personal remark and recriminations were then made by Alderman Mille and President Stainsby, and finally both of them were called to order by Alderman Van Rensselawr.

Thieves Burning a House.

While Joseph New and his family, of Colum-

busylic, L. I., were attending a ball in Williamsburgh, on Thursday night, his home was discovered to be on fire. It was destroyed with all its contents. Evidences of robbery were seen, one window being open, and a bundle of clothing lying in the yard. There was \$100 m a trunk in the house. This is supposed to have been stolen before the house was fired. The loss is \$3,000; insurance, \$2,000.

The Rev. Father Mauzer, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church on William and High streets Newark, called and gave a firm of carriage manufactus ers in Newark vesterday 880, which one of his parishion ers had admitted in the confessional that he had stolet while employed by the firm several years ago.

Massacre by Chinese. LONDON, Jan. 5 .- The Advertiser hears on re

liable authority that efficial information has been re-ceived in St. Petersburg that the Chinese have massa-cred 15-000 men, women, and children at the Kashgarian town of Manas, committing most frightful afrection.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The Secretary of the Treasury to-day awarded the contract for weighing im-ported merchandise at the port of New York to Solomoi Spitzer of Brooklyn, who was the lowest bidder.

Revoking a Liquor Dealer's License The Brooklyn Police Commissioners yester day revoked the license of Richard Rodemacher, who kept a barroom at Raiph avenue and Monroe street, and who was found guilty of selling liquor on Sunday hat.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Ten days ago, Jonathan Myers and James Kane quarrelled near ster-insville, Jefferson county. Myers received injuries from which he died yesterday.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

It was rumored in Washington yesterday that ex Gov itages will dominate Thomas E. Stewart to be Collected of the Port of New York. Hattle Archer, the four-year-old daughter of William Archer of Tarrytown, was burned to death yesterday while her mother was in a neighbor's house.

George R. Chapman of Vergennes, Vt., Clerk of the Vermont House of Representatives and State's Attorney for Addison county, died in Montpelier vesterday of typhoid fever, aged 28.

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DEATH AGAIN IN THE CELL

THE POLICE ONCE MORE DECLARING A

BADLY HURT MAN DRUNK. Flinging a Sufferer into a Dungeon while he Begged that his Relatives might be Permits ted to Care for Him-Police Red Tape.

Messrs. Hall & Stevens, mattress makers of 200 Canal street, directed Joseph Heil, their truckman, to take a mattress to an Amity street plumber, and another mattress to a custome n Madison street. Heil delivered the mattrees to the plumber, and then returned to the Bow-ery. Near Delancey street, John Munn, a so of John H. Munn, undertaker, of 78 Avenue D. of John H. Munn, undertaker, of 78 Avenue Desays car 52 of the Fourth avenue line struck the truck, knocking it nearly over to the curbstone. Heil fell heavily into the gutter, his head and shoulders striking the curbstone. He staggered to his feet, but fell. Stumbling up again, he fell a second time. Then the cry was raised by the crowd that he was drunk, and an officious decrease in a second to the stage of the crowd that he was drunk, and an officious control and account to a second to the stage of the crowd that he was drunk, and an officious decrease the lower to summon Office. person ran across the Bowery to summon Offi-cer Albert E. Robbins. The officer, not doubting that Heil was drunk, took him off to the El-

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present to the next Legislature a reform charter for the city. The bill will make the office of Mayor honorary.

Daniel T. Willette's De-

Daniel T. Willetts, a et 63, one of the best known residents et Brooklyn, died on Thursday in his home, at 80 C coughbia Heights, of softening of the brain. He was Vice-Fresident of the Williamsburgh Gas Combany. Formerly he was a hide and leather merchant in this city. Before that he was a whaler, and at one time he was a member of the New York Yacht Club. He is to be buried according to the custom of the Quakers, and his remains will be taken to Westbury, L. I.

The counsel to the Board of Freeholders of

The county has informed the Board of Freeholders of Hudson county has informed the Board that Sarah Atkins, an inmate of the almshouse, is entitled to nearly \$4,000 in bank, a house and let on Zabriskie street. Jersey City, and some valuable personal property, lett to her by the death of her husband, Hercules Atkins. The property is in the hands of her husband's nephew, Samuel W. Atkins, who is his executor. Her friends sent her to the almshouse before her husband's death.

Saow Up the Hudson.

ALBANY, Jan. 4. - A heavy snow storm has prerailed he'e all day. Several railroad trains are three hours late.

Found express. Jan. 4—A snow storm has prevail
along the Hudson to-day. Four inches of snow ha
fallen. The river here is full of floating ice. The stor
is changing to hall and rain to-inght.

Jacobus's Contested Seat There are indications that Assemblyman-elect

Alex. II. Jacobus, Republican, of Hudson county, will be unscated. Charles F Rub, Democrat, in his contest be-tore Judge Paxton in the Common Pleas Court, has proved that there were gross frauds in Kearney township

Weather Office Prediction.

Warmer southwest, veering to cooler north-vest winds, partly cloudy weather, and higher pressure

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

THE SEN has received \$2 trem "M." for Mile Venturell.

Fourth concert of Company B, Twenty second intantry, a the armory this evening. The digging in the Barelay street rum was continued esterday until noon without the finding of other bodies Capt. Bogardus was unable to get out of his bed yesterday. His right arm is useless, and his right shoulder is bruised and swollen.

The Rev. Abram S. Isaacs will lecture this evening in Lyric Hall before the Young Men's Hebraw Association on "The Dance to Death."

John C. Williams dropped dead vesterday while talking with two friends on Pier 52, North river. He was on his way to his home in England. One Skidmore, who carried off a good hat from this office yesterday, and let a had one, had better bring the good one back pretty quick.

The Central Constant will, and look after the effectment of a new Excise law On and after the 13th of April next the semi monthly service of the General Transatlantic line between New York and Havre is to be exchanged for steamships weekly.

weekly.

Receiver Best will pay a dividend of fifty per cent to the depositors of the National Trust Company on Monday. Excloresteent Mangam is sufficing from a nervous shock and is unable to be eave the house.

The National Association for the Protection of the Adulteration of Butter was organized, yes riak with T. D. Hauter as President Japen, F. Jove vice President, Thomas H. Navinan, Transfer, x. 1.1. M. Scaver, Secretary.

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